

Why Restrict Smoking?

Tobacco smoke is a personal and public health risk and has been linked to heart disease, lung cancer, asthma, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and other health problems. Restricting smoking in places of businesses protects the public's health, including the health of children and employees.

Read The Law

This summary is not intended to be comprehensive or provide an authoritative legal interpretation. For more detailed information and the ordinance, please go to the City of Wichita Web site (www.wichita.gov) or read a copy of the ordinance at the Express Office in City Hall, 455 N. Main.

Information and Resources

To learn more, go to www.wichita.gov.

To report violations as they are occurring: Wichita Police Department: (316) 268-4111

To make complaints or for more information: City of Wichita Office of Central Inspection (316) 268-4479 or Department of Environmental Services Food Protection and Tobacco Control Program: (316) 268-8351

To apply for a smoker-friendly business or smoking room permit: Express Office in City Hall, 455 N. Main (316) 268-4553

To get help to quit smoking: Toll-free Kansas Tobacco Quitline: (866) KAN-STOP (866-526-7867)

Sedgwick County Health Department Tobacco Use Prevention Program: (316) 660-7387

Also available at www.wichita.gov:

- Smoking ordinance
- Quick facts
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Detailed information for businesses
- Printable signs
- Smoking permit applications
- Secondhand smoke fact sheet

Wichita Smoking Ordinance

It's here. It's the law.
It's effective Sept. 4.

*A guide for business owners,
employees and the public*





Wichita Smoking Ordinance

It affects everyone. Effective Sept. 4, 2008 smoking is prohibited in all places of business and within 10 feet of all building entrances, except as discussed below.

Exceptions

Businesses with appropriate signage may permit smoking:

- In any unenclosed, outdoor area which is at least 10 feet from any building entrance;
- In a designated smoking room which is permitted and inspected by the City of Wichita and in which people under the age of 18 are prohibited;
- At smoker-friendly businesses which are permitted and inspected by the City of Wichita and which do not admit anyone under the age of 18;
- In hotel rooms, motel rooms, apartment residences and rental dwellings.

* Nonprofit organizations are not covered by this ordinance.

**SMOKING ROOM
AVAILABLE**

Smoking Rooms

Businesses maintaining a smoking room must obtain and annually renew a \$250 permit from the City of Wichita and comply with the following:

- People under age 18 are prohibited from entering the smoking room;
- Signs must be posted as described on www.wichita.gov;
- Smoking room must be enclosed on all four sides by solid, impermeable walls or windows;
- Smoking room must have self-closing doors;
- Smoking room must have negative air pressure and be vented directly to the outdoors;
- A comparable non-smoking break room must be provided.

* See complete ordinance requirements at www.wichita.gov.

NO ONE UNDER 18 ADMITTED



Smoker-Friendly Businesses

Businesses allowing smoking anywhere inside must obtain and annually renew a permit from the City of Wichita (\$250 permit fee may be imposed) and comply with the following:

- People under age 18 are prohibited from entering the business, including employees (except for individuals under 18 already employed by the business on Sept. 4, 2008);
- Signs must be posted as described on www.wichita.gov;
- Signed statements from employees stating they have been advised of the dangers of tobacco smoke must be kept on file.

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Things You Should Do

Businesses:

- Review the law at www.wichita.gov.
- Post applicable signs which can be found at www.wichita.gov.
- Obtain signed statements from employees if operating a smoker-friendly business.
- Obtain a smoking permit.
- Allow up to 30 days for permit approval. **(Act now!)**
- Enforce smoking restrictions.

Businesses violating the ordinance may be fined up to \$500 and have smoking permits revoked.

Public:

- Review the law at www.wichita.gov.
- Observe smoking-related signs.
- Comply with smoking restrictions.
- Report violators to business management. If unresolved, call the non-emergency police line at (316) 268-4111 or the Office of Central Inspection at (316) 268-4479.

People violating the ordinance may be fined up to \$500.